

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-5 are pending.

All claims are amended herein.

The status of the claims is as follows:

CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for controlling the ascent and descent of a tubular member passing through a pipe or casing slip into a well bore, said slip disposed on, within, or beneath a rotary table, said method comprising the steps of:

affixing a control member beneath the top surface of said slip; and

activating said control member to raise or lower said pipe.

2. (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 1 wherein~~ A method for controlling the ascent and descent of a tubular member passing through a pipe or casing slip into a well bore comprising the steps of:

affixing a control member beneath the top surface of said slip; and

activating said control member to raise or lower said pipe,

said control member is disposed within a slip bowl.

3. (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 1 wherein~~ A method for controlling the ascent and descent of a tubular member passing through a pipe or casing slip into a well bore comprising the steps of:

affixing a control member beneath the top surface of said slip; and

activating said control member to raise or lower said pipe,

said control member is disposed beneath a rotary table.

4. (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 1 wherein~~ A method for controlling the ascent and descent of a tubular member passing through a pipe or casing slip into a well bore comprising the steps of:

affixing a control member beneath the top surface of said slip; and

activating said control member to raise or lower said pipe,

said control member is disposed beneath a slip spider,

said slip spider disposed at a well head.

5. (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 1 wherein~~ A method for controlling the ascent and descent of a tubular member passing through a pipe or casing slip into a well bore comprising the steps of:

affixing a control member beneath the top surface of said slip; and

activating said control member to raise or lower said pipe.

said control member is disposed within ~~said slip~~ a slip wedge.